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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 04
47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ABIDE BY THE WISHES OF THE NAVAJO
NATION AND THE MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE REGARDING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED LONG WALK NATIONAL HISTORIC
TRAIL.

WHEREAS, in 1863, the United States government detained
hundreds of Mescalero Apaches and forced their migration from
their homeland in the Sacramento mountains near Fort Stanton to
the Bosque Redondo reservation at Fort Sumner, where they were
incarcerated until they escaped; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1863, the United States government
detained nearly nine thousand Navajos and forced their
migration on foot across more than three hundred miles from
their homeland in the Four Corners area to the Bosque Redondo

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1 reservation at Fort Sumner, where they were incarcerated; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1868, more than seven thousand Navajos were
3 permitted to return on foot to their homes in the Four Corners
4 area from their place of detention in Bosque Redondo at Fort
5 Sumner; and

6 WHEREAS, hundreds of Navajos died at Bosque Redondo and on
7 the forced marches from the Four Corners area to Bosque Redondo
8 and back; and

9 WHEREAS, the routes taken by the Mescalero Apaches and the
10 Navajos from their homelands to Bosque Redondo may be known as
11 the "Long Walk Trail"; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States department of the interior and
13 the national park service have undertaken a feasibility study
14 regarding the designation of the Long Walk Trail as a national
15 historic trail;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that any decision regarding the designation
18 by the United States department of the interior and the
19 national park service of the Long Walk Trail as a national
20 historic trail should be in conformance with policy decisions
21 regarding such a proposed designation adopted by the
22 legislative bodies of the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Navajo
23 Nation; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the United States secretary of the interior, the

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1 director of the national park service, the president of the
2 Mescalero Apache Tribe, the president of the Navajo Nation, the
3 speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and the members of the New
4 Mexico congressional delegation.

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